

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Official Action of September 14, 2005 relating to the above-identified application.

It is noted with appreciation that Claim 4 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The foregoing amendment has presented an amended version of Claim 1 and an amended version of Claim 4. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of original Claim 1.

Claim 1 has been revised to incorporate the list of epoxy resins found on page 6, beginning at line 23 in the present application. No new matter is presented in this amendment.

New Claims 10 to 14 are presented as claims dependent on Claim 4 and are patterned after original Claims 5 through 9.

A new abstract has also been furnished in accordance with PTO requirements.

The rejection of Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 9 as allegedly anticipated by the patent of *Ota*, U.S. 6,376,101, is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to insert the specific epoxy resins that are disclosed in the application beginning at the bottom of page 6, line 23 and continuing on to page 7, lines 1 to 3. The compositions of the *Ota* reference show formulation of an epoxy (A), a phenol resin (B), an accelerator (C) and a filler (D). A silane coupling agent may also be present. However, *Ota* does not show a separate component corresponding to the claimed compound (F) as described herein. Therefore, *Ota* does not anticipate the claimed subject matter.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and that the application be allowed at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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